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Including Placement with Initial
Delay Values**

Group Art Unit: **2825**
Examiner: **Vuthe Siek**

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APPLICANT SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record for Applicant initiated a telephone interview with Examiner Siek on 17 February 2009. The Tsay reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,461,576) and the outstanding Office Action were discussed.

The Examiner explained that the rejection does not rely on inherency or official notice. The position is based on the Examiner's interpretation of Tsay. The Examiner expressed that he believed that the person of skill in the art would interpret the comment at column 2, lines 42-46 when read with Figure 3 of Tsay, as anticipating all claims in the application.

No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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